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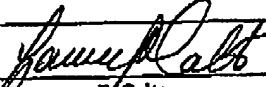
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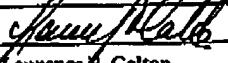
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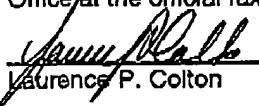
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**STATUS**

Claims 1-3, 6-11, 16-19, and 21-23 are pending in the application.

Claims 2, 3, 7-11, 16-19, and 23 have been withdrawn and are cancelled herein.

Claims 1, 6, 21, and 22 have been rejected under 35 USC 103.

**NO EXTENSION OF TIME**

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